

# Ke'ehi Memorial Organization

**Community Briefing** 

# Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial A Living Memorial

## **General Information**

#### Ke'ehi Memorial Organization (KMO)

IRS Status: 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization

Organization Type: Private Foundation

Mailing Address & Website:

2685 N. Nimitz Highway

Honolulu, HI 96819

Website: <a href="http://www.klmemorial.org/">http://www.klmemorial.org/</a>

KMO manages the Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial Park (KLMP) under a general lease with the Division of State Parks / DLNR (State of Hawaii).

KLMP is located at: 2685 N. Nimitz Highway Honolulu, HI 96819



## **KMO Purpose**

- Develop facilities and environment to support the community with a special focus on groups that serve the needs of at-risk youth and veterans
- Provide meeting space and support the interests of disabled veterans and their families
- Gather and disseminate funds for the furtherance of the KMO purpose

## **Our Vision**

A Living Memorial and special place to honor all veterans, especially the fallen.

A Beacon of Hope for at-risk youths and disabled veterans and their families,



### Our Mission

To maintain the Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial State Park (KLMSP) grounds and facilities as a special place to honor all veterans, especially the fallen; to provide a venue for activities that sustain KLM as a "Living Memorial"; and to support community programs that serve, assist and benefit at-risk youth and disabled veterans and their families.



## **Our Values**

#### We value:

- The sacrifices of all veterans, especially the fallen
- Service to:
  - At-Risk Youth and the General Community
  - Disabled Veterans and their Families
  - Military Personnel Transitioning to Veteran Status and the General Veteran Community
- Service with:
  - Integrity
  - Respect
  - High Sense of Duty

Honoring the Sacrifices of Veterans



## **Our History**

- 1949 Pacific War Commission formed to create and maintain a living war memorial
- 1952 11.087 acres of state land conveyed to Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
  National Organization for Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial (KLM) Project
- 1960 DAV National transfers project to Hawai'i DAV, and establishes standing committee, Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial Management Committee (KLMMC) to develop and maintain KLM
- 1961 Pacific War Commission approves project assignment to Hawai'i DAV
- 1993 KMO established by Hawai'i DAV as separate entity and approved by IRS
- 2004 KMO assigned responsibility for KLM by agreement between Hawai'i DAV and KMO
- 2011 KLMMC dissolved, KMO assumes full responsibility of KLM operations
- > 2017 KMO granted State DLNR Division of State Parks General Lease for the management and operations of the KLM property. KLM designated a state park

## **Board of Directors**

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## **KLM Facilities**

- Memorial Grounds
- Jeanette & Harry Weinberg Hall
- Los Banos Hall
- Burns Hall
- Kakesako Hall
- Blue Lagoon Chapels
- Camp & Picnic Grounds
- Rental Office
- DAV, Dept. of Hawai'i Office
- Maintenance Compound
- Limited Lodging (VA App'ts)
- "Caretaker" Residence



## **KMO Community Support**

- KLM Grounds and Facilities available for youth groups and their activities
- Office/Meeting Facilities available to veteran organizations and community groups
- Short-Term accommodations for veterans and their families for appointments with the Veterans Administration medical facilities
- Financial and in-kind support for programs presented by community organizations to assist & benefit at-risk youth and disabled veterans and their families
- KMO Post-High School Scholarship Program
- KMO Community Organization Grant & Aid Program
- KMO School Grant Program

## Community Support - Recurring In-Kind Facilities Support

- DAV, Department of Hawai'i Headquarters Building and Utilities
- DAV, Chapter 1 Meetings
- DAV Presentations & Activities
- Purple Heart Association Meetings
- Youth Groups/Organizations Camp Site & Facilities Usage
- Homeless Veterans Task Force Meetings and Stand Downs
- VA Townhall Meetings/Satellite Services



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